

Message Notes

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ReJOYce in the Lord (Philippians)

The Joy of Fellowship
Philippians 1:12-18
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The Main Thing:

- ◆ For Jesus, the main thing was _____ (Luke 19:10; John 3:16)
- ◆ The main thing in our life is _____. (Mt. 28:19-20)
- ◆ We exist to be in a relationship with Jesus Christ _____ we can tell _____ people about him.
- ◆ Advancing the gospel is a _____, not a _____.

Paul's Example:

Now I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that what has happened to me has actually served to advance the gospel. **Philippians 1:12 (NIV)**

- ◆ For Paul, the main thing was _____.
- ◆ Regardless of circumstances, Paul's goal in life was to tell _____ about Jesus to advance the gospel. (Phil. 1:12; Acts 20:24; 1 Cor. 9:6, 9:23; Eph. 3:8)
- ◆ The result = the gospel advanced _____ & _____ the church.
- ◆ Paul used a _____ & _____ approach to advancing the gospel.

But what does it matter? The important thing is that in every way, whether from false motives or true, Christ is preached. **Philippians 1:18**

- ◆ Paul doesn't let _____ stop him. (Phil. 1:15-18; 2 Cor. 11:16-12:10)
- ◆ Paul could _____ because he had a deep satisfaction in the person, purposes and people of Christ. (Phil 1:18, 3:1, 4:4, 4:10; Col. 1:24; 1 Thess. 5:16-18)

How to Make The Main Thing The Main Thing:

- ❶ The main thing must be _____.
- ❷ Advance the gospel right _____.
- ❸ _____ and advance the gospel.

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